

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Ferri et al.** § Group Art Unit: **2134**  
Serial No.: **10/718,064** § Examiner: **Tran, Ellen C.**  
Filed: **November 20, 2003** § Attorney Docket No.: **FR920030006US1**  
For: **Method of Authenticating** § Customer No.: **50170**  
**Digitally Encoded Products Without**  
**Private Key Sharing** §

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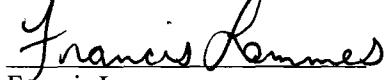
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No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

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